

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 12, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 581, HB 553, HJR 24, HB 557, HB 572, 2/10/1999
Executive Action: HB 557, HB 581, HJR 24, HB 100, HB 514, HB 526, HB 558, HB 556, HB 553, HB 497

HEARING ON HB 581

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb introduced HB 581.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bookout, and Simon questioned witnesses.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 121}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed HB 581.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 121 - 159}

HEARING ON HB 553

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Thomas introduced HB 553.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 159 - 179}

Proponents' Testimony: Shelly Engler, Bozeman **EXHIBIT** (buh35a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 179 - 274}

Perry Eskridge, Dept of Commerce legal council.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 274 - 352}

Jim Kembel, MT Technical Council

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 352 - 370}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bookout, Stovall and Simon question witnesses.

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{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 146}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Thomas closed

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 146 - 175}

HEARING ON HJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Juneau, HD 35 introduced HJ 24. **EXHIBIT** (buh35a04) **EXHIBIT** (buh35a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 175 - 248}

Proponents' Testimony: Dr. Peter Blouke, Dept of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 281}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Juneau closed
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 281 - 292}

HEARING ON HB 557

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ewer, HD 3 introduced HB
557. **EXHIBIT** (buh35a02) **EXHIBIT** (buh35a03)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 292 - 415}

Proponents' Testimony: Don Judge AFL-CIO
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - 493}

Geo Wood, MT Self Insurers Assn.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 493 - 512}

Frank Cote, State Auditor
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 512 - 515}

Nancy Butler, State Fund
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 16}

Jacqueline Lenmark, Am. Insurers Assn.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 61}

MT Nurses Assn. Todd Hines
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 61 - 66}

Brandon Tippe, Local 3038 Stinson Lumber
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 66 - 80}

Christie Schweitzer, MT Trial Lawyers
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 80 - 92}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building Trades Council
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - 100}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ewer Closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 111}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 557

Motion: REP. EWER moved that HB 557 DO PASS.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 111 - 120}

Motion/Vote: REP. EWER moved that HB 557 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 120 - 130}

Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that HB 557 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 130 - 154}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 581

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that HB 581 DO PASS.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 154 - 166}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 581 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 166 - 224}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 581 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 224 - 231}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 24

Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that HJR 24 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 231 - 247}

HEARING ON HB 572

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Squires, HD 68 introduces HB 582.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 247 - 296}

Proponents' Testimony: Brandon Tippe, Local 3038

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 296 - 406}

Brian Earhardt, Bus Mgr.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 406 - 486}

Jason Miller, LPIW

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 486 - 509}

Don Judge AFL-CIO

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 509 - 515}

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Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Const Trades

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: Kevin Braun, Dept. of Labor

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 92}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Ewer, Bookout, Juneau, Barnett, Stovall and Masolo question witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - 500}

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Squires closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 103 - 163}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 100

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved HB 100 be taken from table. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 163 - 170}

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that HB 100 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 100 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 16-1 with Masolo voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 170 - 180}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 100 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 17-1 with Sliter voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 180 - 266}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574

Motion: REP. MASOLO moved that HB 574 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 272}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 514 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 272 - 318}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 514 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 13-5 with Bitney, Brown, Lawson, Sliter, and Stovall voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 318 - 410}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 526

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 526 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 410 - 461}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON Y2K

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that Y2K RESOLUTION DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 461 - 500}

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 17}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 558

Motion/Vote: REP. BITNEY moved that HB 558 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 44}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 556

Motion: REP. EWER moved that HB 556 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 44 - 48}

Motion: REP. EWER moved that HB 558 BE AMENDED. Ewer withdrew amendments.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 50}

Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that HB 556 BE TABLED. Motion carried 10-8 with Bookout-Reinicke, Ewer, Juneau, Krenzler, Matthews, Pavlovich, Squires, and Tuss voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 99}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 529

Motion: REP. JUNEAU moved that HB 529 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 99 - 147}

Motion: REP. SLITER moved that HB 529 BE AMENDED. and Sliter withdrew amendments

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 147 - 180}

Motion: REP. SIMON withdrew motion to do pass HB 529.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 180 - 241}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 553

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that HB 553 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 553 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 250}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 553 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 11-7 with Barnett, Brown, Lawson, Masolo, Matthews, Stovall, and Trexler voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 250 - 284}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 497

Motion/Vote: REP. MASOLO moved that HB 497 BE TABLED. Motion carried 15-3 with Bitney, McKenney, and Sliter voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 284 - 312}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh35aad)